

To Our Visitors, Welcome!

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and we invite you to join us for fellowship, coffee, and cookies after the service in the parlor.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the Worship service, however an unstaffed nursery is available for parents and children who might need a little break. Ask anyone with a nametag for directions!

EPC Update!

On March 23rd, Casper First will take the final step needed to bring our congregation into full participation in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church! On that date, Pastor Paul and the currently serving Session members (Dave, Greg, Mike, Zach, Rin, Bev, and Debbie) and currently serving Deacons (Patti, Leith, Bill, Carol M., Janis, Brad W., Phyllis, Jane, & MH) will be installed in a special service during Worship, completing the process of our movement from the PC(USA) to the EPC.

Since FPC's release from the PCUSA in September, we have been considered transitional members of the EPC. During this time, in preparation for EPC examination, our current church leaders have studied the Westminster Confession, the Larger and Shorter Westminster Catechisms, and the EPC Leaders' guide. A five member commission of the EPC Presbytery of the West will be traveling to Casper to lead the installation service. This should be an occasion of great joy, and we hope all of our members and friends will attend Worship on that day!

Following Worship on the 23rd, there will be a POTLUCK CELEBRATION in the Fellowship Hall! Bring your favorite Sunday Dinner main dish, salad, or side dish to share, AND bring your family and friends! The Parish Life Ministry believes that CELEBRATIONS call for CAKE, so YOU will not need to bring dessert ... Parish Life will provide the cake!!

And that's not all!!! The Celebration continues at 3 PM that day when we host our 6th Annual Celtic Music Fest in the church sanctuary! Scots, Irish, Manx, and Welsh tunes will be heard in a huge variety of instrumental, vocal, and dance routines. Afterwards, you'll have an opportunity to meet our musicians over scones and "grog" in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Concerns

† For Pastor Paul and family, Bernadine Reed, Matt Martin, Johnny Ussery, Justen Christensen, Bobbie Waldram, Sue Robertson, Carol Palomo, Jan Capps, Heather Milliken, Paula Gardner, Marielle Bondurant, Margarete Krans, Kathy Aeschliman, Joanna Volker, Barbara Scifers, Jo Moreland, the families and friends of Vera Welch, Shirley White, Marge Galles, Merl Randall.

† For our country; the President, Cabinet and other government officials and staff; for our Congressional Delegation: Senators Mike Enzi and John Barrasso, Representative Cynthia Lummis and for Judge Brian D. Christensen.

† For all military men and women and their families, especially Brian Barksdale, Travis Gitthens and for others serving in dangerous positions.

† For the Presbytery of Wyoming; for the EPC Presbytery of the West, for our Elders and Deacons as they prepare for EPC installation, for churches in the process of reaffiliating including; Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Lingle, for Chogoria South Presbytery in Kenya, the Nendini of Kamwangu and Pastor Macklas Muteginjagi and for Christians being disciplined in Algeria and Cameroon.

† For Christians suffering persecution in Libya, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, and wherever else they may suffer, for Christians at risk in Nigeria, Kenya, Algeria and other places.

Please keep updating the office about those you have added to these Prayer Concerns.

Up-coming Events for the week of March 10th - 16th

MONDAY

5:30 pm Evangelism

7 pm Stewardship

Tuesday

10 am Bible Study - Colossians

4:15 & 6:15 pm Companions in Christ

4 pm Mere Christianity

6:15 pm Bible study - Hebrews

Wednesday

9:30 am Bible Study - Jeremiah

7 pm Choir Practice

8 pm Bell Choir practice

Next Sunday

9 am Sunday school

10:30 am Worship/Fellowship

- Inquirer's Class – meet in the small conference room on the 2nd floor

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Order for the Worship of God

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Prelude Variations on NICAEA

Martha Sobaje

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and Peace to you. **People: And also to you.**

***Hymn** *O Worship the King* vs 1 & 2 #2

*Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-4

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Leader: Say to God, "How terrible are thy deeds!" So great is thy power that thy enemies cringe before thee.

People: All the earth worships thee; they sing praises to thee, sing praises to thy name."

*Invocation

***Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy* #100

***Psalter** Psalm 24
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 458 [Red] p. 582
last verse in unison

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before thee our sinful nature – prone to evil and slothful in good – and all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou alone knowest how often we have sinned in wandering from the way, in wasting the gifts, in forgetting thy love. But thou, O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased thee. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of thy dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech thee, to live in thy light and walk in thy way, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our only Lord. Amen.

~ Silent prayer ~ Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri** #734

***Solo** *Morning Has Broken* arr. Jay Arnold

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Text Isaiah 6:1-8
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 571 [Red] p. 726

New Testament Text Acts 1:1-11
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 909 [Red] p. 1156

Sermon *He Ascended Into Heaven* Elder Greg Irwin

***Hymn** *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* #290

Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving
Intercession

For the Church
For the Ministry
For the Nation
For all People

The Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory** *But the Lord is Mindful of His Own*
Felix Mendelssohn

***Doxology** #731

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* in hymnal cover

***Hymn** *Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord* #292

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Toccata on ENGELBERG* Michael Burkhardt

*Please stand if you are able

Participants in Today's Service

Preaching	Elder Greg Irwin
Liturgist	Phyllis Karns
Head Usher	Brad Ward
Organist	Bev Reese
Soloist	Brian Christiansen
Violinist	Meagan Vreeman

Information

- ✚ Please call the church office (237-9509) ...
 - ✓ If you or a member of your family would like a visit when you are recuperating in the hospital or at home.
 - ✓ If you would like your name added to the Prayer Band.
 - ✓ If you would like your name in the Bulletin for prayer.
- ✚ The Session would like for each member to have a copy of the EPC Leadership Training Guide. You can pick up a free copy from the literature rack by the office door.

Our Mission Statement

Recognizing that we are a broken and sinful people in a fallen world in need of a Savior and a transforming, everlasting relationship with the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our mission is to glorify God as a theologically reformed Presbyterian congregation through

- ❖ Christ-centered liturgical worship to strengthen our faith,
- ❖ Biblically-grounded teaching and preaching to equip disciples,
- ❖ Family-focused fellowship to nurture and encourage each other, and
- ❖ Gospel-based ministry to share God's grace and love in Casper and beyond.

